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 FOR: DESIGN CHANGE ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

- 36 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Priority Claimed. **Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2003-351131**
- Certified copy of _____
- 21 sheets of formal drawing.
- An assignment of the invention to **HITACHI, LTD.**
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- An associate power of attorney.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- Return Receipt Postcard

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